



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

October 20, 2006

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 20-Oct-06 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

| | Northeast | Southeast | Midwest | South Central | Combined Regional |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| This week | 60.00 | 57.50 | 52.50 | 58.50 | 57.14 |
| Last week | 60.00 | 57.50 | 52.50 | 58.50 | 57.14 |

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 20-Oct-06:

New York 69-73 Midwest 55-63 California 94

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 16-Oct-06 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

| | Northeast | North Central | South Central | South Atlantic | Pacific | 5-Area | Breaking Stock | Total |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Current week | 117.3 | 385.0 | 152.5 | 199.4 | 236.4 | 1090.6 | 219.5 | 1310.1 |
| % change PW | 2 | -7 | -12 | -13 | -5 | -7 | -1 | -6 |

Breaking Stock 20-Oct-06 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

| | Central States | Eastern Region |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Nest Run | 29-33 M 29-30 | 26-30 M 27-29 |
| Checks & Undergrades | 16-23 M 18-20 | 14-24 M 15-18 |

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 14-Oct-06. Lbs. in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

| | Cases Broken | Liquid Whole | Liquid White | Liquid Yolk | Dried | Inedible |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| Current Week | 1,305,402 | 32,403 | 11,915 | 6,302 | 2,296 | 4,498 |
| Previous Week | 1,339,918 | 35,161 | 11,226 | 5,826 | 2,041 | 4,324 |
| Last Year | 1,397,621 | 35,200 | 12,766 | 6,588 | 3,588 | 4,601 |
| % Change PWK | -3% | -8% | 6% | 8% | 13% | 4% |
| % Change LY | -7% | -8% | -7% | -4% | -36% | -2% |
| To-Date 2006 | 53,201,437 | 1,308,216 | 496,392 | 262,424 | 116,735 | 179,158 |
| To-Date 2005 | 53,907,203 | 1,272,905 | 526,800 | 281,955 | 121,252 | 181,847 |
| % Change YTD | -1% | 3% | -6% | -7% | -4% | -1% |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.22 Previous Week: 42.19 Last Year: 42.33

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.78 Previous Week: 38.97 Last Year: 39.03

In-Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | Cases % of Total | Lbs. % of Total |
| CURRENT WEEK | 603,292 46.2% | 17,139 52.9% |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 607,473 45.3% | 17,925 51.0% |
| LAST YEAR | 595,439 42.6% | 16,337 46.4% |

National Liquid Eggs - 20-Oct-06 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

| Class | Loads | Range | Wtd. Avg. | Change From Last Week |
|--------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| WHOLE | 36 | 26-29 | 27.20 | .29 |
| WHITES | 17 | 27-30.75 | 29.49 | .02 |
| YOLKS | 11 | 31.5-34.5 | 33.02 | -.05 |

Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 32 to 34 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 20-Oct-06 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

| Class | Trucklot | | Central | | Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.) | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Eastern | | | | Eastern | South California ² |
| Whole | 39-46 | M 41-45 | 40-46 | M 42-44 | 44-51 | 46-50 |
| Blends ³ | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | - |
| Whites | 42-52 | M 43-47 | 44-52 | M 44-47 | 48-55 | 48-51 |
| Yolks ⁴ | | | | | | |
| Sugared | 51-58 | M 53-57 | 51-57 | M 51-53 | 57-67 | 57-60 |
| Salted | 46-50 | M 47-48 | 46-48 | | 51-66 | 52-55 |

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids0

National Dried Egg Prices - 20-Oct-06 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

| Class | Range | Mostly |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| WHOLE | 1.40-1.60 | 1.50-1.55 |
| YOLKS | 1.11-1.50 | 1.18-1.29 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 2.95-3.33 | 3.00-3.20 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.17-1.50 | 1.30-1.35 |

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 14-Oct-2006

| Fowl Slaughtered in U.S. | | U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada | | Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| This week | 1,008 | This week | 90 | This week | 1,098 |
| Last week | 952 | Last week | 140 | Last week | 1,092 |
| Last year | 1,322 | Last year | 197 | Last year | 1,519 |
| To Date 2006 | 44,751 | To Date 2006 | 6,370 | To Date 2006 | 51,121 |
| To Date 2005 | 59,844 | To Date 2005 | 10,691 | To Date 2005 | 70,535 |

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 07-Oct-06

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|----------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Current week | 450 | 0 | 41 | 491 |
| Last year /1 | 351 | 0 | 89 | 440 |
| To date 2006/2 | 8,569 | 172 | 532 | 9,273 |
| To date 2005 | 14,027 | 59 | 578 | 14,664 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 07-Oct-06

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 45 | 10 | 0 | 55 |
| Last year /1 | 224 | 0 | 0 | 224 |
| To date 2006/2 | 3,018 | 880 | 66 | 3,964 |
| To date 2005 | 5,619 | 562 | 371 | 6,552 |

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 07-Oct-06

| | Jumbo | EX-Lg | Large | Medium | Ungraded | Misc | Total |
|----------------|-------|---------|---------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| Current week | 0 | 900 | 3,388 | 1,260 | 23,640 | 0 | 29,188 |
| Last year /1 | 0 | 1,970 | 5,255 | 2,154 | 7,320 | 0 | 16,699 |
| To date 2006/2 | 150 | 70,791 | 135,814 | 69,672 | 154,358 | 6,975 | 437,760 |
| To date 2005 | 163 | 177,458 | 302,912 | 99,017 | 153,610 | 8,053 | 741,213 |

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS**DATE: October 18, 2006**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 503,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 13,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$222,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

| Product | Pounds | Awarded Prices Inv. No. 8 | No. of Bids Accepted |
|---------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5-pound cartons | 280,000 | \$0.4624-\$0.5292 | 3 of 3 |
| bulk tankers | 144,000 | \$0.3089 | 1 of 4 |
| 30-pound containers | 79,000 | \$0.4776-\$0.5415 | 2 of 3 |

Next offers under Announcement PY-308 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

| Inv. Number | Product Type | Offer Date | Acceptance Not Later Than Date | Delivery Period |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9 | 5-pound cartons bulk tankers | Nov. 6 | Nov. 10 | Dec. 16-31 |

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on June 22, 2006, follow:

| Product | Cumulative Pounds | Cumulative Dollars |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5-pound cartons | 3,922,000 | \$1,814,000 |
| bulk tankers | 7,344,000 | \$2,255,000 |
| 30-pound containers | 158,000 | \$ 81,000 |

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-308 Invitation 8, to be delivered from Dec. 1 to Dec. 15, follow:

30-pound Containers

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Crystal Lake Egg Products | 39,600 @ \$0.4776 |
| Sonstegard Foods Company | 39,600 @ \$0.5415 |

5-pound Cartons

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Crystal Lake Egg Products | 80,040 @ \$0.4643-0.5292 |
| Sonstegard Foods Company | 120,060 @ \$0.4849-0.5194 |
| Deb-El Foods Corp. | 80,040 @ \$0.4624 |

Bulk Tankers

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Daybreak Foods Inc. | 144,000 @ \$0.3089 |
|---------------------|--------------------|

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch; STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.